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**TO:** William Ruckelshaus, Chair, Salmon Recovery Funding Board  
Jeff Koenings, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

**FROM:** Senator Linda Evans Parlette *Linda*

**RE:** Salmon Recovery Funding Board Allocations

Thank you for your prompt attention to my memo of February 5, 2002, wherein I express concern over the criteria used to establish levels of state funding to regional salmon recovery boards.

It appears that the near-term allocation of federal funds to the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board will allow them to accomplish its immediate objectives: capacity building, recovery plan initiation, and public outreach. I appreciate your support of their efforts to carry out these tasks, which are vital to the economic development and environmental well-being of North Central Washington.

The Statewide Salmon Recovery Strategy emphasizes the importance of regional boards in the decision-making process. Therefore, I would encourage you to solicit input from the Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board regarding issues that affect natural resources in North Central Washington. I believe this dialogue will advance the goals of all principals and continue to ensure that the criteria will be used for the effective and fair allocation of money in future years.

Again, my sincerest appreciation for your excellent stewardship of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Funding Board. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

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